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SUBJ: NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT GRABER OF SWITZERLAND

REF: STATE 174180

1. REFTEL INSTRUCTS EMBASSY TO DELIVER MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT GRABER OF SWITZERLAND ON OCCASION OF SWISS NATIONAL DAY, AUGUST 1, WHICH MARKS SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOURTH (684) ANNIVERSARY OF SWISS INDEPENDENCE IN YEAR 1291.

2. GRABER IS IN HELSINKI FOR SECURITY CONFERENCE CEREMONIES. THIS IS FIRST TIME IN MODERN HISTORY THAT SWISS PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ABSENT FROM SWITZERLAND ON NATIONAL DAY.

3. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED GESTURE IF PRESIDENT FORD COULD CONVEY MESSAGE PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT GRABER. TEXT AS CONTAINED STATE 174180 FOLLOWS:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SWISS
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CONFEDERATION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN WITH ME IN

SENDING YOU OUR BEST WISHES. WE VALUE THE BONDS OF
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH I AM CONFIDENT
WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD UNQTE

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